

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) : A method for providing service management to network elements of a cellular communication network, said network elements communicating with an Operation and Maintenance Center of said cellular communication network by sending data having a data exchange format, said data exchange format being translated in an Operation and Maintenance Center specific data format at a mediation server, wherein said method comprises:

identifying at said mediation server a change in ~~said~~ used data exchange format from a first used data exchange format to a second identified data exchange format; and

dynamically switching from said used first data exchange format to said second identified data exchange format.

2. (currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein said method further comprises:

representing said second identified data exchange format as a class in an object oriented program; and

dynamically uploading the class using the Java programming language to switch from said first data exchange format to said second data exchange format.

3. (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises:

selecting one of a plurality of mediation servers for handling information from at least one of said network elements according to a predefined load balancing policy.

4. (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein said data exchanged between at least one of said network elements and said Operation and Maintenance Center contains a new software version download from the Operation and Maintenance Center to said at least one of said network elements.

5. (currently amended): A mediation server used for translating a first data exchange format used by a network element of a cellular communication network to a second data exchange format used by an Operation and Maintenance Center; wherein said mediation server comprises:

means for identifying a change from said first used data exchange format to said second identified data exchange format;

means for dynamically switching from said first used data exchange format to said second identified data exchange format.

6. (previously presented): The mediation server according to claim 5, wherein said means for dynamically switching from said first data exchange format to said second identified data exchange format uses the Java programming language.

7. (previously presented): The mediation server according to claim 5, wherein the mediation server is a software component part of said Operation and Maintenance Center.

8. (previously presented): The mediation server according to claim 5, wherein the mediation server is a software component on a stand alone device connectable to said Operation and Maintenance Center.